



GRESHAM

FALL 2020

A NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS

Through the lens of transparency: body cameras helpful in the community

Gresham Police began fully using body-worn cameras in January. Gresham was the first city in Multnomah County to wear body cams.

"Wearing cameras helps us be open with our community," said Capt. Claudio Grandjean. "It fits with the requests we hear that officers carry cameras for racial justice reform and transparency."

"Our officers are very supportive of it."

All of Gresham's uniformed officers are required to record every official police-public encounter.

In addition to keeping the public trust, body-worn cameras help resolve complaints in ways Police couldn't before. In the past, if an officer received a complaint it was difficult to resolve without video of the encounter.

Gresham Police received 25 complaints in 2019, out of 74,000 calls for service.

The body worn cameras are also an extra set of eyes providing Gresham Police with more documentation for criminal cases.



A police body camera. All of Gresham's on duty officers are required to record every official police-public encounter.

However, Capt. Grandjean warns a big misconception is that video evidence is the end-all. While the camera fills in some details, there are limitations including other angles and exchanges happening beyond the lens.

"Video is a piece of the puzzle. It doesn't stop us from doing a

thorough investigation," Capt. Grandjean said.

"And for that we still have to have positive contacts and relationships with the community."

Gresham Police introduced the body-worn camera program with a \$165,000 federal grant and match by the City.

Get emergency alerts when it matters most

The wildfire crisis in early September was an uncertain, anxious time for all of us. Again, without hesitation, this strong community united to quickly help families, friends and our neighboring cities.

We recommend you sign up to get free PublicAlerts from the City. It's the best way to get notified when there is an emergency in your neighborhood.

"It's especially important if you don't have a landline and rely on a cell phone," said Kelle Landavazo, Emergency Manager. "You do have to sign up for it, but it's worth taking the time to keep you and your family safe."

Cell phone users must register their numbers to receive notifications. Published landline phone numbers are already in the system.

PublicAlerts is designed to provide emergency notifications as mobile as you are—at home, school, work and everywhere in between.

The telephone number(s) you register will receive notification when their associated addresses are impacted by an emergency. Some examples of emergencies that may impact a specific area are police activity requesting residents to stay inside, or avoid the area, and boil water notices for households impacted by a water quality issue.

How to sign up for PublicAlerts

1. Go to publicalerts.org/signup
2. Select the Sign-Up button
3. Select Multnomah County
4. Submit your information
5. Feel safer already, good job!

Questions? Contact Landavazo at **503-618-2567** or Kelle.Landavazo@GreshamOregon.gov.

Frequently asked questions

When is the camera turned on?

Oregon law states officers must activate a camera whenever they have reasonable suspicion while in the field.

But Gresham Police are going one step further. Any time an officer has an interaction with a member of the community, they will turn on the camera and keep it on until the end of that contact.

Gresham officers will announce when they begin recording, unless doing so would jeopardize their safety or harm an investigation.

There are exceptions for recording sensitive instances including delivering death notifications, courtroom interactions and undercover situations.

How will footage be used?

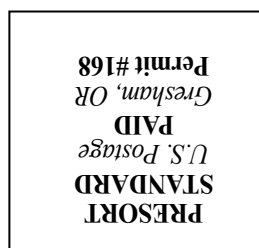
Footage can be used to supplement officer reports, training, and for professional standards review and

investigation in resolving resident complaints.

How are the videos stored?

Videos are uploaded to a secure centralized system. Each recording stays in the system for at least 180 days. Then any non-priority recording, like a routine traffic stop, is removed. Individual officers are not allowed to edit or delete footage.

For more information visit GreshamOregon.gov/Police.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Grants available for community projects

If you have an idea for improving your community in 2021, we want to hear from you.

Metro gives the City \$1 per ton for all solid waste collected at its Gresham station, which funds our Community Enhancement Grants program.

Eligible projects are those that improve neighborhood appearance; preserve the environment; enhance public safety; provide recreation; or benefit underserved populations.

Community Enhancement Grants Examples

Beyond Black: community mobile garden box project; \$5,500

Latino Network: Ballet Folklórico Corazones Alegres (22 students); \$6,840

Sandy River Watershed Council: Mt. Hood Community College Beaver Creek day cleanup; \$3,500

Gresham United Methodist Ministries: community mural at the Rockwood Center; \$4,000

Sam Barlow High School: 5K trail run/walk and kids fun run; \$3,000

Who may apply: nonprofit and charitable organizations; neighborhood associations; schools and institutions of higher learning; faith-based groups; and government advisory committees, departments and special districts.

The application period is open and closes Nov. 30. Applications are online at GreshamOregon.gov/Community-Enhancement-Grants.

For more information, contact Joe Walsh, 503-618-2372 or Joe.Walsh@GreshamOregon.gov.

COUNCIL CORNER

City budget update

The City Council, City Manager and staff are working to address an anticipated \$13.3 million budget shortage over the next two years, made worse by COVID-19.

"Changes must be made now to address budget issues head-on and send the city in a positive direction," said City Manager Eric Schmidt.

What we're doing

- To prepare, the City eliminated 26.8 positions in 2019 to save more than \$3.2 million. Employees absorbed the extra work to keep service levels to the public steady.

- Thanks to the generosity of the Portland mayor and City Commission, Gresham received \$3.94 million from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. It will reimburse some of our unanticipated COVID-19 related expenses.

- City departments and services will make additional budget cuts. The scope will be determined after City Council decisions on potential revenue.

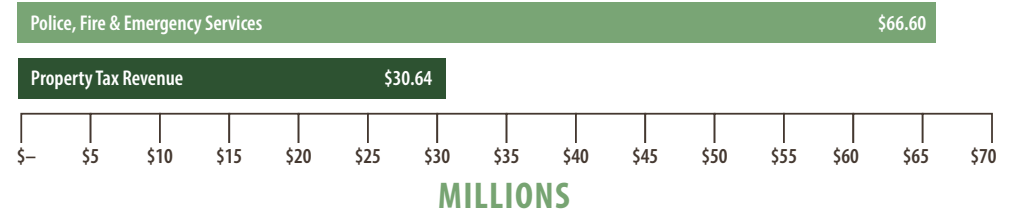
How we got here

Like any household budget, costs rise. But the City is on a fixed income, so to speak. Since 1990, the General Fund gets 24 cents of every \$1 in property taxes. Most of your property taxes go to schools, Metro and other agencies. In 1990, property taxes covered 100% of public safety (police/fire) services. Today, they cover less than half.

This means the City has faced financial shortfalls for a long time. We keep critical

PROPERTY TAXES

Gresham's General Fund property tax revenue is less than the cost to provide basic public safety services. Other sources of income are needed to help cover the cost.



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service levels for the community intact by working year-round to address gaps, relying often on grants.

But this is not sustainable for the longtime financial security of the organization, which impacts our ability to serve our residents.

Looking ahead

This fall the City Council will vote on temporary solutions to bridge a portion of the City's budget gap, including:

- Reallocating one-time use of funds from the community service fee, paid to the City by Enterprise Zone companies, to keep General Fund services stable.
- Temporarily increasing the Police, Fire and Parks Fee from \$7.50 per month to \$15. Currently the fee does not cover the cost of these essential services, leaving the City with a deficit.

At its Sept. 22 meeting, City Council expressed a commitment to conversations

with the community to explore a potential 2021 general levy to take to the voters to fund public safety and/or parks. Should a levy pass, the Police, Fire and Parks Fee could be retired. However, immediate action is necessary to stabilize the City's current financial situation.

If Council does not approve additional revenue this fall, the City will proceed with significant cuts over the next two budget years. This will result in reduced services including longer response times for Police and Fire, elimination of the Police Mental Health team and the Summer Kids in the Park program, and more.

For more information, call the Office of Governance and Management, **503-618-2871**.

Learn more

Watch the City Manager's Sept. 15 budget presentation and read about potential budget impacts at GreshamOregon.gov/Budget. Read about the Police, Fire and Parks Fee at GreshamOregon.gov/PFP.

Preserving Gresham's past is important work today

"What better way to tell our story than through our history as a community?" says Councilor David Widmark.

Resident historians, archeologists and preservation experts volunteer their skills to serve on the City Council's Historic Resources Subcommittee.

Members recommend historic properties for Council to add to the

Historic and Cultural Landmarks List and National Register of Historic Places. The subcommittee is working on a historic survey in the Rockwood and Centennial neighborhoods.

One of the City's longtime historical caretakers, David Lindstrom, recently retired after nearly 30 years on the subcommittee.

"David's a gem and we've been fortunate to have him," said Councilor Widmark.

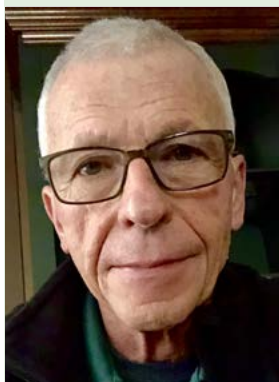
"We have a number of properties of strong interest and importance we wouldn't have been able to preserve without his help."

Apply to serve on the subcommittee at GreshamOregon.gov/Historic-Resources-Subcommittee.



The 1961 Roy E. and Hildur L. Amundsen House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is an excellent example of a Wrightian-styled, architect-designed home in Gresham's Northwest Neighborhood.

History Highlights with David Lindstrom



Favorite Gresham landmark

My favorite is Downtown Main Street. The busy, narrow street and shops occupying the original storefronts exemplify what Gresham is all about. It was a small town, often called a suburb of Portland. It has now powered its way into a significant Oregon city.

Favorite historically significant property

I'll have to go with two, ones that I happened to help research. The first is the Emanuel Anderson House. My favorite story is

when Dr. Hughes treated the Anderson's daughter. She was told to sit in the second story, open porch and place her feet in a box of soil...they say it worked!

The second favorite property is the David and Marianne Ott House, designed by a famous Oregon architect, John Storrs.

Favorite subcommittee project

For me, my favorite thing was to visit potentially significant properties and help with the research. The late Sally Donovan sometimes helped me understand the significance of

the bits and pieces and which ones to emphasize.

How can we keep history alive?

Keeping history alive is always a challenge in Gresham. My fantasy was to go for a Historical District. That would really get everyone's attention. In my mind, the candidates were SE Roberts, Downtown Main Street, and the neighborhood across from the Gresham High School.

Explore Gresham's past at GreshamOregon.gov/Gresham-History

Do you have a historic property?

The City maintains a list of sites and structures honored on Gresham's Historic and Cultural Landmarks List. The properties have kept their historic character, serve as a past record of a certain time, place and use, and are often connected to a historical figure or architectural style.

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Historic-Resources-Subcommittee or call Mary Phillips, Senior City Planner, **503-618-2610**.

Disasters don't wait: 4 lessons from COVID-19, wildfires

Life happens fast. When we started 2020, we didn't know our lives would be shaken by the novel coronavirus in a worldwide pandemic and wildfires.

"We've had to live it real-time, from people having difficulty finding supplies to working remotely," said Kelle Landavazo, Emergency Manager. "It offers us all a huge, teachable moment."

If you were caught off guard in this emergency, you can make plans today to be better prepared for tomorrow.



1 Supply shortages happen.

At the start of the pandemic in March the toilet paper shelves

were empty. Rubbing alcohol and disinfectant wipes remain hard to find. Expect supply chain issues in a disaster. "If you don't have it you might not be able to get it for a while," Landavazo says.

Smart step: Build a supply kit that meets your family's needs to be comfortable during a disaster.

"What would you do different to be better prepared next time?"

— Kelle Landavazo,
Emergency Manager

2 Scrambling isn't fun.

If places shut down (like school, work or a business) have you planned for it? What would you do different to be better prepared next time? "When you wait and then have to do it in a

hurry it's that much harder," Landavazo said.

Smart step: Now is the time to reflect, take stock and adjust, whether it's teleworking, online school or preparing for a potential evacuation. Take steps now to make next time better.

3 Know who you can depend on.

Many were isolated at home during COVID, some without a way to safely get groceries or pick up medicine. Or missing friendships, family visits and activities.

Smart step: Strengthen your social network. Reach out, whether it's to your neighbors, the faith community or a nonprofit that can provide support and help during an emergency.

4 New is not scary, just different.

Experts in emergency preparedness recommend talking to children about what's going on. "Sometimes we have to adjust to the new normal, like wearing a mask in a store, and we need to share that it's not scary, it's something different," Landavazo said.

Smart step: Use every disruption as a teachable moment with little ones, from power outages to boil water notices.



The City stands with our community while the coronavirus public health crisis continues.

We are working closely with lead agency Multnomah County to do our part to slow the spread of novel coronavirus and get resources.

The City is virtually open for business and providing services while buildings are closed.

Protections are still in place

► The City Council approved eviction protection for both Gresham's residential renters and commercial tenants. No evictions or "no cause"

evictions are allowed for any reason during the COVID-19 emergency.

► The water shut-off freeze continues at this time.

► Parks, trails, playgrounds, and most sports fields and courts are open. For a complete list visit

GreshamOregon.gov/Parks.

City updates and local help

Read about these City-supported resources and the latest COVID-19 updates at **GreshamOregon.gov/COVID19** and on the City's social media channels.

Public health information

For information about what to do

if you're sick or how to care for a member of your family, call 2-1-1 for answers to basic COVID-19 questions from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. or visit **multco.us/covid19.**

Let's Talk Preparedness: A Community Ready Conversation

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Online at 6 p.m.

Watch the livestream on youtube.com/user/cityofgreshamoregon

Join City of Gresham Emergency Manager Kelle Landavazo and other preparedness experts from around the region live on the City's YouTube channel. We will share lessons learned from the events of 2020 and cover community questions.

Do you have a question for the panelists to address? Email Sasha.Konell@GreshamOregon.gov or text your question to 503-979-5228 through Oct. 4.

Gresham City Hall is virtually open for business. Services are being provided online and by phone.

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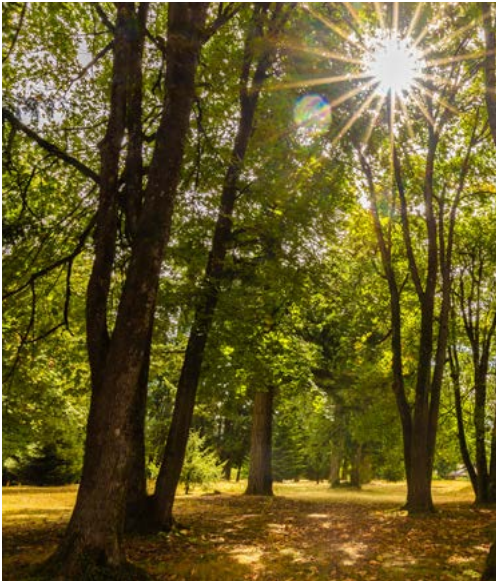
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Columbia View Park

Council to review undeveloped parks concepts

Over the past year, the Gresham community has talked with us about the potential for six of the City's undeveloped parks.

Engaging the community to make sure all voices were heard was vital to our planning. Residents looked at draft designs, chose favorite activities, and let us know if the vision of the parks meets family and community needs.

Parks Top 10 Themes

1. Keep parks safe and green.
2. Protect open space, natural areas and wildlife habitat.
3. Design parks in harmony with the surrounding area.
4. Consider ongoing maintenance and operations in the park design.
5. Provide adequate parking for community parks.
6. Include pollinator habitat.
7. Incorporate crime prevention strategies.
8. Provide accessible trails for all ages and abilities.
9. Prioritize park access and recreation needs for all Gresham residents.
10. Make targeted investments in Gresham's park system so everyone can enjoy the benefits.

Community feedback helped create a Gresham Parks Concept Plan. It outlines possible enhancements for Southwest and Southeast community parks, plus the East Gresham, Jenne Butte, Southeast and Columbia View neighborhood parks.

The concepts aim to meet today's and future demands of Gresham's growing population. They also outline financial needs for developing the parks in the future if funding is identified.

Follow the conversation

City Council will discuss the Concept Plan Report by online Zoom meeting 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 20. Learn more about the project at GreshamOregon.gov/Parks-Planning.

Safety wheels: traffic playground pops up at Pat Pfeifer Park

Pat Pfeifer Park has a fun new traffic playground on what was a bare piece of concrete.

A traffic playground includes small-sized streets where children can practice using roadways, intersections and crossings without cars nearby.

Pat Pfeifer's painted course has striped travel lanes, crosswalks, center lanes, bike sharrows, places in the neighborhood to practice getting to, like school, and educational messages.

"The traffic playground is a place for families to visit on foot, bike, scooter or wheelchair, all while physically distancing," said Carly Rice, Assistant Transportation Planner.

The nonprofit Play Grow Learn in Rockwood asked the City to install a traffic playground.

"It's an opportunity for kids to relearn traffic safety, and this is important because they haven't been traveling to school lately during the pandemic," said Anthony Bradley, Executive Director, Play Grow Learn.

"We can reintroduce traffic laws to children in a very safe, practical way."

Play Grow Learn's youth leadership crew came out to learn from City staff about traffic safety and how to teach younger kids.

The project is a collaboration between the City, Multnomah County REACH, Play Grow Learn, Portland Bureau of Transportation, and Multnomah County Safe Routes to School, with grants from Metro and the Oregon Department of Transportation.



"It's all about learning while playing."

— Carly Rice,
Safe Routes to
School Coordinator



Above: Practicing safety at Pat Pfeifer Park's new traffic playground.
Right: Youth leaders from Play Grow Learn.



Key safety pointers to practice

- Stop at stop signs. Look left, right, and left again before going.
- Make eye contact. Give people on wheels time to stop before you enter the crosswalk.
- People have the right-of-way! If you're on wheels, look for people in the crosswalk and let them cross before you.

Activity idea

Do a "neighborhood" scavenger hunt on the safety course. Pick different locations around the traffic playground (school, grocery store, etc.) and use the proper rules of the road to get there.

Learn more: GreshamOregon.gov/Traffic-Playgrounds

WHEN YOU GO

Traffic Playground 1

Pat Pfeifer Park, 424 NE 172nd Ave.

GreshamOregon.gov/Parks/Pat-Pfeifer-Park

Traffic Playground 2

Sunrise Center, 18901 E. Burnside St.

Practice being safe around train tracks and riding MAX.

City plans for development of middle housing

The Oregon State Legislature in 2019 passed House Bill (HB) 2001 requiring that cities allow middle housing to be built in residential zones.

Middle housing refers to duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, town houses and cottage clusters. “It means there will be more housing choices for people in Gresham,” said Mary Phillips, Senior Planner, Urban Design and Planning.

The state’s new law was created to boost the amount and types of housing available to Oregonians.

There are no immediate changes, Phillips said. First, the City is required by June 30, 2022, to update its development code to include regulations that allow development of middle housing.

The big picture

The middle housing project in Gresham is about choice. Today you typically pick your housing based on its price and the needs of your household. But you may not have much choice in the location because different types of housing aren’t available throughout all of Gresham. You may find the type of housing you need, only to find it isn’t near schools, stores, parks or other essential comforts that people in other neighborhoods may have.

Through this project, the City will look at how to increase the types of housing in different neighborhoods throughout Gresham, so residents have as many choices available as possible.

Demographics are shifting. Household sizes are changing in makeup. Households also evolve as their members pass through different phases of life, and housing should be adaptable.

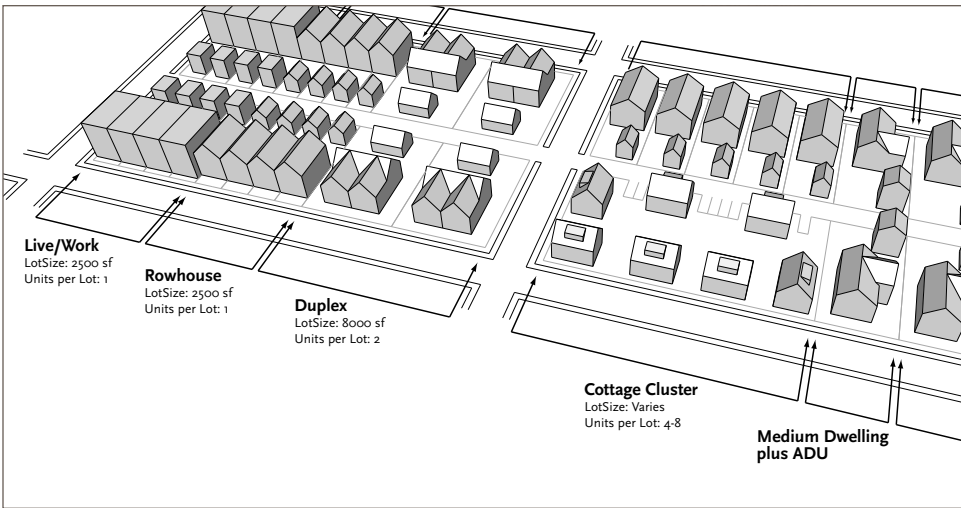
For example, many older Americans are looking to age in place – yet they can only find one size or type of housing that may not meet their needs. Some

younger families and multi-generational households also cannot find housing to fit their needs.

There is a housing crisis, not just in Oregon but nationwide. There is not enough housing and not enough different types of housing to allow people to live where and how they want.

Homes are more than just a place to live, especially during this historic moment (COVID-19). They serve as our workplaces, our schools, and how we take care of our families and friends. Homes may be our main investment. This project will look at more choices in types of housing and what housing can be.

Historically, neighborhoods throughout America were made up of many different types of housing all mixed together. This meant both renters and owners from a wide variety of ages and



The middle housing project will increase the variety of housing types that can be built in Gresham’s neighborhoods, allowing residents from a wide variety of backgrounds greater housing choice. Graphic courtesy Urbsworks, Inc.

family makeups could live near the services they needed in the same neighborhoods. Gresham has older middle housing units, but in many areas of the city they haven’t been allowed for decades. The middle housing regulations will again allow this variety many older neighborhoods have.

Virtual Open House on Middle Housing

- Date/Time:** Early December, to be determined
- Place:** Online; a meeting link will be posted at GreshamOregon.gov/Middle-Housing. Learn more about Gresham’s plan for middle housing and participate in a Q&A with City staff.
- Online survey:** Available from Nov. 30 to Dec. 11
- Get project updates:** Sign up to receive periodic email updates on the City’s middle housing project at GreshamOregon.gov/Middle-Housing
- For more information, contact Mary.Phillips@GreshamOregon.gov or call 503-618-2610.

Got guests? New short-term rental requirements for homes

If you are a homeowner either renting a room in your occupied home or an entire vacation home for short-term lodging, you are required to apply for a yearly short-term rental registration with the City.

The popularity of home rental hosting platforms like Airbnb and VRBO (Vacation Rental by Owner) brings in visitors and activity into Gresham’s neighborhoods.

“The new registration balances the rights of owners to use their property as they choose while supporting the safety of short-term guests, homeowners and neighborhoods,” said Eric Schmidt, Interim City Manager.

The City heard hundreds of responses when it requested input on the topic of short-

term rentals, including potential concerns with noise, parking, occupancy limitations and host contact. The City Council approved creating short-term rental requirements for everyone’s safety and well-being. The registration requirement took effect April 1.



Ready to rent: City short-term rental registration certificate.

Looking to host a short-term rental?

- The annual registration applies to two types of short-term rentals:
- 1. Hosted Homeshares (\$175)** Owner-occupied homes renting out one or more legal bedrooms.
 - 2. Vacation Home Rentals (\$375)** Non-owner-occupied homes where the entire home may be used as a short-term rental.
- Both City registrations require:**
- safety inspection
 - fulfilling related City codes
 - posting host contact information for renters and neighbors
 - posting of “Good Neighbor Guidelines” to educate guests of responsibilities to maintain neighborhood livability
- For more information and to apply for registration, visit GreshamOregon.gov/STR.
- Questions? Contact ShortTermRentals@GreshamOregon.gov or call 503-618-2248.

New 50,000-square foot business and innovation center completed

The Gresham Redevelopment Commission is celebrating two big milestones in Rockwood this fall, the finished Innovation Hub building and start of construction on the long-awaited fresh food Market Hall.

"We're calling it the Innovation Hub because so much of it involves the creation and adaptation of new skills and ideas," said Amy Evans, Urban Renewal support.

It's a reflection of the many community voices that identified

much-needed resources and services that didn't exist in the neighborhood before.

From a preschool to foster young minds to workforce training and small business coaching, this building is dedicated to the creative spirit of the neighborhood.

The businesses will open this fall/early winter, staggered throughout, with a fully operational building by

early 2021.

Local partner RKM Development is building Downtown Rockwood's new vibrant neighborhood center. It will feature an international food market hall, plaza with fountain, retail and commercial storefronts, mixed-income apartments and more.

For more information and tenant opportunities, visit downtownrockwood.com or contact RKM Development at 503-690-2800.



YBA Architects design.

Market Hall update

Construction has started on the Market Hall with a target opening in fall 2021.

The Market Hall at Downtown Rockwood will feature local, fresh, authentic food options and handmade, artisanal goods to visitors and residents alike.

Leasing opportunities still available. Get started at downtownrockwood.com.

Innovation Hub Tenants

Opening for business fall 2020/winter 2021. We recommend calling first.

La Villa Mexican Restaurant

Mexican cuisine from street tacos Tuesdays to carne asada.

Little Wings Preschool & Daycare

Nurturing daycare and educational programs for infants, toddlers, preschool, and voluntary prekindergarten.

Contact: 503-545-4912 or littlewingdaycare@yahoo.com

Learn more: littlewingspreschooldaycare.com

Mt. Hood Community College Small Business Development Center

Helping small businesses grow with assistance, resources, student business program.

Contact: 503-491-7658 or bizcenter@mhcc.edu
Learn more: bizcenter.org

Wallace Medical Concern

Free and low-cost primary healthcare and dental care.

Contact: 503-489-1760

Learn more: mywallace.org

WorkSystems, Inc.

Helping adults and youth get the skills, training and education they need to go to work or advance in their careers.

Contact: 503-478-7300

Learn more: worksystems.org



IF IT'S GREEN, IT GOES.



ACCEPTED ITEMS

- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Weeds
- ✓ Pumpkins
- ✓ Dead plants from gardens
- ✓ Tree or plant prunings less than 3' long and 4" in diameter



TIP

Extra yard debris? Learn how to make yard waste into a healthy soil amendment (compost) at oregonmetro.gov/compost.



ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Pet waste or cat litter
- ✗ Anything plastic
- ✗ Treated or painted wood
- ✗ Garbage
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Rocks
- ✗ Sod
- ✗ Stumps
- ✗ Large limbs



Fall cleanup is in full swing.

When working in your yard, make sure only items that grow in your yard go in your yard debris cart.

Questions? 503-618-2134

GreshamOregon.gov/Recycle-at-Home/#YardDebris

Future water supply: exploration update



A groundwater drilling rig at Kirk Park.

The City is drilling for water solutions. We're exploring further developing Gresham's own groundwater supply to rely less on, or completely stop, buying water from Portland.

Why? Buying water will be more expensive in the future because the Environmental Protection Agency is requiring Portland to build a new water treatment plant costing up to \$1.2 billion. Gresham's part of the cost is \$100 million, to be shared by ratepayers.

The City is looking at all options to reduce future costs for our community, whether it is continuing to buy water from Portland, going water independent, or a combination of the two.

What we're doing now

Over the summer the City began drilling two test wells.

At Kirk Park, the City will test the well this fall to see exactly how much water it can produce and what treatment will be used.

At Southwest Community Park, work continues building the test well, followed by testing for water quality and capacity of the well site.

Fall next steps

- **Complete planning** for the extra resources (wells, pipes, reservoir storage) needed to reduce or eliminate relying on buying water from Portland.
- **Sign an intergovernmental agreement** with Rockwood Water People's Utility District to explore increasing our water supply together and share costs.
- **Determine financing** options.
- **Discuss the options** with Council.

The City deadline is June 2021. Stay informed and sign up for email updates at GreshamOregon.gov/Water-Supply.

Follow the conversation

City Council will discuss Gresham's future water supply at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, via online Zoom meeting.



Fall leaves and streets don't mix

Leaves left in the street create slip hazards, flooding, blocked drains and deteriorated pavement. Help us avoid these leafy problems by doing a few simple things at home.

- **Place leaves in the weekly yard debris cart** included with your garbage service.
 - **Compost leaves** at home.
 - **Set an extra bag out at the curb** for an additional cost of \$3.76 each.
 - **Mulch leaves** with a lawnmower or leaf blower and spread the mixture over flowerbeds and gardens for winter.
 - **Self-haul** to Allwood Recyclers, 23001 NE Marine Drive. Other facilities? Call Metro, 503-234-3000.
- Questions? Contact Recycling and Solid Waste at **503-618-2525**.

Leaves and City code

Blowing or raking leaves onto the street is a violation of City code. Leaves dumped in the street clog the City's stormwater drainage system.

Avoid flooding

Rake your storm drains free of leaves and debris. Watch for blocked drains in your neighborhood and help keep them clear.

Southeast Palmquist Road closed for improvements

SE Palmquist Road is closed to all through traffic between U.S. 26 and Palmquist Terrace for traffic safety improvements and culvert work.

Avoid traffic delays by detouring:

- ▶ Traveling westbound on U.S. 26: Turn left onto East Powell Boulevard, left on SE Hogan Road, then left onto SE Palmquist Road.
- ▶ Traveling westbound on SE Palmquist Road: Turn right onto SE Hogan Road, right on to E. Powell Boulevard, and right onto U.S. 26.

Gradin Sports Park on SE Palmquist is open with access from SE Hogan Road. SE Palmquist is expected to reopen in mid-November.

For more information, visit GreshamOregon.gov/Palmquist or call 503-618-2525.



Fire Station 71

Location: Public Safety Building, City Hall, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway
Station history: Built in 1978
Units assigned: Engine 71, Truck 71, C7, Heavy Rescue 71, Trench Van 71
Special teams: Urban Search and Rescue



Inside Look: Fire Station 71

If an earthquake strikes and buildings collapse, Fire Station 71 is equipped to rescue you. This station houses the Urban Search and Rescue Team, aerial ladder truck, battalion chiefs, administration offices, and daily fire and emergency services. Fire Station 71 is busy year-round with its coverage area serving the center of the city.

Cats love the ladder truck

A key piece of equipment at the fire station is Truck 71. One of the truck's greatest features is the aerial ladder. Reaching 105 feet in the air, higher than a 10-story building, the supersize ladder helps firefighters reach different parts of a building. "The ladder truck is a big toolbox on wheels," said Battalion Chief Jason McGowan.

It doesn't carry water or hoses, but hydraulic extrication tools (like big scissors) that allow firefighters to cut cars apart when people are trapped after a car accident.

Risky rescues

Station 71's Urban Search and Rescue Team goes where others can't get to and you don't want to be. Established in 2004, these specialists are trained to respond to a variety of high-risk emergencies from natural disasters and collapsed buildings to terrorist activities and hazardous material releases.

"In disaster preparedness they will be involved in earthquakes plus they do all our rope and high-angle rescues around



Urban Search and Rescue practices a high-angle rescue drill.

Gresham's many buttes and forests," said Battalion Chief McGowan. "These skills are beneficial in their everyday firefighting jobs running medical calls, on every structure fire in the city."

The Urban Search and Rescue Team practices rescue techniques with Boeing, Microchip and other community partners.

Inside Look: This series explores the seven fire stations run by Gresham Fire and Emergency Services. Each house life-saving equipment and teams with specialized training, from chemical spills to high-angle and water rescues.

GET INVOLVED IN GRESHAM

CITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

5 Neighborhood Coalition City Council/Mayor Candidates Forum, 6:30-8:30 p.m., via Zoom

6 Neighborhood Coalition City Council Candidates Forum, 6:30-8:30 p.m., via Zoom

7 Youth Advisory Council Gresham Mayoral Forum, youth-led for youth, 4:30-5:30 p.m., via Zoom, 503-618-2213

7 Let's Talk Preparedness: A Community Ready Conversation, 6 p.m., livestream via youtube.com/user/cityofgreshamoregon, 503-979-5228

31 Last day of the season for Gresham Farmers' Market, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Arts Plaza, greshamfarmersmarket.com

NOVEMBER

3 Election Day

11 Veterans Day, City Hall closed

19 Metro Free Parks Day,

Oregonmetro.gov or 503-797-1700

26 Thanksgiving Day, City Hall closed

Check [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](https://greshamoregon.gov/Events) for the status of meetings and events.

City Council Business Meetings are held online using Zoom at 10 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Find meeting information at [GreshamOregon.gov/Agendas](https://greshamoregon.gov/Agendas) or call 503-618-2697.

Planning Commission meetings are held online using Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30 p.m. View agendas a week before at [GreshamOregon.gov/Planning-Commission](https://greshamoregon.gov/Planning-Commission). For information, call 503-618-2235.

Gresham Redevelopment Commission meetings are held online using Zoom as needed on the 3rd Tuesday after the 10 a.m. City Council Business meeting. Find meeting information at [GreshamOregon.gov/GRDC](https://greshamoregon.gov/GRDC) or call 503-618-2545.

Hats off, neighbor

Name: Stella Funk Butler

Years in Gresham: 21

Neighborhood: Powell Valley

Volunteer Causes: Powell Valley Neighborhood Association, past president; Multnomah County's Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy Program; 10 years coordinating proms for homeless youth; Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge project

What I do and why I love it:

You've probably traveled over the Burnside Bridge a time or 100, going into Portland for fun or business and using it to get back home.

Stella Funk Butler has brainstormed the future of the 94-year-old Burnside Bridge since 2018, while representing Gresham neighborhoods on Multnomah County's Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Community Task Force.

"I have a heart connection to the Burnside Bridge, it's where I did community outreach, my heart is on the streets of Portland," Stella says. "The other reason is my husband works in Hillsboro. Knowing how to get him home is critical if we have the big quake."

We could be separated and getting connected would be a challenge, Stella said.

The county is planning to make sure the Burnside Bridge is still standing after a major earthquake.

"If the Burnside Bridge goes down and we can't get supplies back and forth to help people, all those things matter," Stella says.

It's one of the many reasons she serves on the committee. "We looked at seismic resiliency, that was our number one priority," she said. "We also looked at equity and environmental justice, we



Stella Funk Butler

evaluated crime reduction, personal safety, the historic resources of the bridge (it's a landmark)."

Stella appreciates more than before how important safe parks and recreation is and how a bridge connecting to the Portland waterfront adds fun and value to all communities.

"A lot goes into a bridge that you don't think about!"

Learn more about the Burnside Bridge project and what is being recommended at burnsidebridge.org.

Visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](https://greshamoregon.gov/Events) for a complete list.

Coalition forums for City Council candidates

The Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations will host online forums for the Mayor/Gresham City Council candidates on Monday, Oct. 5 and Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., via Zoom. The Oct. 5 forum will be for Mayoral and Council Position 1 candidates, and the Oct. 6 forum

will be for Council Position 3 and Council Position 5 candidates.

All candidates are invited to these forums. A list of candidates is at [GreshamOregon.gov/Elections](https://greshamoregon.gov/Elections).

Learn more at: [GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhood-Coalition](https://greshamoregon.gov/Neighborhood-Coalition)

Storing water for emergencies 101

Water truly is the most important supply. People can survive for weeks without food, but only a few days without water.

Following a disaster, clean drinking water may not be available. Prepare yourself by building a supply of water that will meet your family's needs. Store a minimum of one gallon per person for three days, for drinking, cooking and sanitation. Don't forget your pets!



Store water in a cool, dark location if possible.

Water storage do's and don'ts

- **Do buy bottled water** from a store or use your own container to store water.
- **Do use food grade containers** found at most camping or outdoor stores, or two-liter soda bottles.
- **Don't use containers that are made of glass**, jugs that held milk or juice, or containers that were used for chemicals or bleach.

- **Do change out your water** about every six months. It won't go bad, so if you need it in an emergency and it's older than six months, go ahead and use it.
- **Do store your water** in a cool, dark location if possible.

Want to do more? Find tips at [GreshamOregon.gov/Emergency-Preparedness](https://greshamoregon.gov/Emergency-Preparedness).

Neighborhood Association Information

Note: All meetings are virtual with Zoom. See neighborhood agendas for Zoom info at [GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhoods](https://greshamoregon.gov/Neighborhoods).

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Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.

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WILKES EAST

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COALITION OF GRESHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

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Monthly, every second Tuesday, 7 p.m.

CONTACT THE NEIGHBORHOODS OFFICE

The Office of Neighborhoods and Community Enhancement (ONCE) includes Neighborhood Associations, Volunteer Program, East County Resolutions, and Community Livability.

Call **503-618-2469** or visit [GreshamOregon.gov/ONCE](https://greshamoregon.gov/ONCE).

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Open to all, Gresham's 16 neighborhoods discuss projects and share concerns with the City. Bring your passion and skills to your neighborhood. Learn more at [GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhoods](https://greshamoregon.gov/Neighborhoods).